

The FCC should absolutely not mandate copy protection standards. First of all, there is an issue of "fair-use" for home viewers. I think fair-use should be preserved.

Secondly, and more importantly, we still don't even have a well-defined system of laws and standards that clearly define intellectual property, ownership of information, or even information itself. How can the FCC mandate a copy protection mechanism on something that isn't even clearly defined yet? There's also a basic technical issue at hand, and this issue may end up helping define the things I mentioned: anything that can be played on speakers or a tv screen can be copied. It's a fundamental technical principle. It's been proven true for as long as the RIAA or anyone else have tried to control the flow of information; they simply can't.